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“BALL RAMP ACTUATOR FOR LOCKING  
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This responds to the January 31, 2003 Office Action. Please amend the application as set forth below.

**Amendments**

**In the drawings**

Please amend Fig. 3 by renumbering the figure to “Fig. 3a” as indicated in red on the enclosed drawing sheet.

Please add new Fig. 3b submitted herewith.

**In the specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1 with the following substitute paragraph:

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